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**Peter E. Ormsby**

Magistrate Judge

Education: J Reuben Clark Law 1984 JD  
 Began Service: March 1, 2005  
 Term Expires: March 2013

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**Diana Saldaña**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1971  
 Education: Texas 1994 BA, 1997 JD  
 Began Service: 2006  
 Term Expires: 2014

**Affiliation:** Member, Webb County Bar Association; Member, Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Member, State Bar of Texas; Board Member, Board of Directors, Texas CASA

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1997-1998)

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Laredo (TX) Office, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2001-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P. (2000-2001)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; State Bar of Texas; Webb County Bar Association

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**Stephen Wm. Smith**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1973 BA; Virginia 1977 JD  
 Began Service: July 22, 2004  
 Term Expires: July 2012

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States Court of Federal Claims (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1978-2004)

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**Number of Judgeships:** 6

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**Wesley W. Steen**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: LSU 1974 JD  
 Began Service: September 26, 1997  
 Term Expires: September 25, 2011

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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 Term Expires: 2012  
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**Karen Kennedy Brown**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD  
 Began Service: April 2, 1990  
 Term Expires: April 2018

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of Texas (1976-1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

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**Letitia Z. Clark**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1985  
 Term Expires: 2013

**Government:** Attorney, State of Texas (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1982-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1976-1982)

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**Richard S. Schmidt**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD  
 Began Service: July 31, 1987  
 Term Expires: July 30, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1973-1978); United States Air Force Reserve (1978-2005)

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**Marvin Isgur**

Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Houston BA; Stanford MBA; Houston JD  
 Began Service: February 1, 2004

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**Jeffery Bohm**

Bankruptcy Judge

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**Number of Judgeships:** 13

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